## Rules for Linking Documents

The General Rule for linking is to always link an amendment, an objection or an opposition to the original motion or application unless the original pleading was an objection to claim. In this instance, you must link the response to the objection to claim. (Objections and Oppositions are responded to and the link should be made to the Objection or Opposition)

## **Special circumstances:**

- Amendments to an opposition or objection are linked to the original motion or application when docketed using the objection or opposition event and the user selects the drop down box in front of the text that says Amended. This way you may follow the general rule and link to the original motion.
- Amendments to an opposition or objection are linked to the original opposition or objection when docketed using the generic amend document event. If possible, it is best not to use the generic events.

Linkages Rules				
Document Being Filed	Link?	Document(s) Previously Filed		
Amendment to a Motion	Yes	Original Motion		
Amendment to an Objection/Opposition	Yes	Original Motion and Objection		
Amended Schedule/Matrix	Yes	Original Schedule <sup>1</sup>		
Motion to Amend Schedule		File with Schedules as a single document		
Amendment(s) to a Plan	Yes	Original Plan		
Motion to Amend Plan	Yes	Amended Plan (is filed first and linked to original plan.)		
Certificate of Service	Yes	Document(s) Served		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the Objection to Discharge deadline has not passed, Schedule F may be filed without a motion. (All other amendments require a motion.)

Linkages Rules			
Document Being Filed	Link?	Document(s) Previously Filed	
Certificate of Service on Notice of Hearing on Motion(s)	Yes	Original Motion(s) Set for Hearing	
Motion to Continue a Hearing	Yes	Original Motion(s) Set for Hearing	
Motion to Sell	No	Always file the Notice of Intended Sale as an attachment to the Motion. Do Not Link.	
Motion for Protective Order	No		
Motion for Adequate Protection	No		
Motion to Intervene in a Contested Matter in a Main Bankruptcy Case	No		
Second, Third, etc Motion to Extend Time	Depends	Never link to the hearing document. Always link to the Pleading that created the action.	
Supplemental Motion for Relief from Stay Following Default or Affidavit of Non Compliance	Yes	Original Motion for Relief from Stay and Order Dealing with That Motion	
Brief or Affidavit Supporting Motion(s)	Yes	Motion(s)/Application	
Stipulation Concerning Pleading	Yes	Original Pleading	
Response to Objection(s), Reply to Response, Reply to Reply	Yes	Objection(s)	
Brief or Affidavit Supporting Response to Motion	Yes	Response	
Disclosure Statement	No		
Objection to Disclosure Statement	Yes	Disclosure Statement	
Objection to Confirmation of Plan	Yes	Plan	
Amendment to a Petition	Yes	Petition	

## ECF Manual Section 3.3 Rules for Linking Documents

Linkages Rules			
Document Being Filed	Link?	Document(s) Previously Filed	
Amendment to Complaint or an Amended Answer to a Complaint	Yes	Complaint, Answer	
Withdrawal of Document	Yes	Document to be Withdrawn	